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EMPLOYMENT IN ORGANISED AND UNORGANISED SECTORS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employment opportunities generated during the year 2006 in the organised and the unorganised sectors;

(b) the number of people provided employment during the said year in the organised and the unorganised sectors;

(c) the percentage of unemployed males and females in urban and rural areas; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for the protection and welfare of labourers working in the unorganised sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a&b) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey, for which results are published, was conducted during 2004-05.As per these surveys, employment in the country on usual status basis has gone up from around 397.0 million in 1999-2000 to around 459.0 million in 2004-05 both in organised and unorganised sectors. On an average, therefore, around 12.4 million persons were provided employment per year during the period 2000-05.

c) As per 61st round of NSSO Survey Report, unemployment rate in the country on usual status basis during 2004-05 are given below.

	Male	Female	Person
Rural (%)	1.6	1.8	1.7
Urban (%)	3.8	6.9	4.5

(d) The Central Government through the Ministry of Labour & Employment, operates, five welfare funds for Beedi workers, Limestone and Dolomite Mine workers, Iron ore, Chrome ore and Manganese ore Mine workers, Mica Mine workers and Cine workers. Several legislations like the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948; and the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961; the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970; Building and other construction Workers (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1996; the Building and other Construction Workers Welfare

(Cess) Act, 1996, The Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and The Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 etc. are directly or indirectly meant for the protection and welfare of workers in the unorganised sector as well.